

Genealogical Resources at the Region of Peel Archives

Wm. Perkins Bull *fonds* (compiled in the 1930s)

This fonds contains a series of Family Research files organized by surname – the contents of each file varies, but can include interviews, questionnaires, property record research, newspapers clippings, family trees, and other material. The surname list is available in the Reading Room and on our website: <https://rb.gy/mmx5e>. His fonds also contains other valuable material, including research on area cemeteries, compilations of tavern and hotel owners/proprietors, UEL and Pioneer overviews, and annotated land registry records. All of these files can be mined for genealogical data!

Census returns

Microfilmed copies for Peel County from 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, and 1911. Records the name, age, country of birth, religion, and occupation of all persons living in Peel. At times house information is captured as well.

Assessment rolls

Includes value of the property as well as owner's or tenant's name, age, occupation, and religion (varies by municipality and time period)

- Township of Toronto / City of Mississauga (limited)
- Township of Chinguacousy / Village, Town, and City of Brampton
- Township of Albion
- Township of Toronto Gore
- Township of Caledon / Town of Caledon
- Villages/Towns of Port Credit and Streetsville, and Villages of Bolton and Caledon East

Directories

Peel and area directories for 1837, 1846, 1866, 1867, 1880, 1890, and 1926 (mail route). We also have a handful of telephone/advertising directories: 1902-1920, 1932, 1948, 1950s -2020s.

Newspapers

Including the *Brampton Times/Conservator*, *Bolton/Caledon Enterprise*, *Streetsville Review*, *Port Credit Weekly*, *Mississauga Times/News*, and the *Orangeville Sun*. Older indexes are available for some of the newspapers.

Property records

Ledger books recording all land transactions in the County from 1807 to the 1950s. Includes lot and concession number, size of land parcel, name of parties, value of land, and links to the legal instrument (actual documents – wills, mortgages, deeds etc.)

Cemetery transcripts

Lists of tombstones in Peel area cemeteries (also contains a brief history of each cemetery)

Vital statistics (births, marriages, and deaths)

Microfilm copies of the Archives of Ontario's records pertaining to Peel, 1800s to early 1900s.

Wills and Estate Files

Microfilm copies of the Archive of Ontario's estate files for Peel residents, 1800s to early 1900s.

Military Service Cards

Alphabetical service records for Peel residents who served during the First and Second World Wars. Some contain biographical and genealogical details, employment history, education, religious affiliation, military service and honours.

Education records

General and daily registers (attendance records) for Peel area schools, 1800s onward. A closure period of 100 years is applied to these records (in compliance with *MFIPPA*).

Maps

Maps of Peel County noting the owners of all of the lots in the various townships (available for 1859 and 1877).

Photographs

There are over 2 million photographs in the collection from ca. 1865 to the present. But please keep in mind that only a subset of these will be helpful from a genealogical perspective.

Tweedsmuir histories

Area histories compiled by local branches of the Women's Institute – can contain interviews, written accounts, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other material. We have histories for: Alton, Belfountain, Brampton, Campbell's Cross, Castlemore, Cheltenham, Coronation, Derry West, Dixie, Erindale, Flowertown, Inglewood, Malton, Meadowvale, Mono Road, Streetsville, Peel District, Peel North, Peel South, Rosehill, Sandhill, and Snelgrove.

Family histories collection

Family histories written by researchers and submitted for safekeeping and reference. An alphabetical listing is available.

Reference collection

A collection of publications relating to the history of Peel and its member municipalities / communities.